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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I would like to voice my concerns about the recent DOJ settlement with Microsoft. After reading over the settlement, I see several problems.

- 1. In most cases you allow Microsoft to define the groups that it must work with. You've got to be kidding!
- 2. You appoint a 3 member board to oversee this agreement, and then allow Microsoft to elect 2 of those positions. You've got to be kidding!
- 3. You have totally ignored one of the largest segments of the computer software industry, namely, Open Source Software. This is perhaps the only real, current, threat to Microsoft's monopoly. The agreement is written so that the only entities that Microsoft must present it's API's and other secrets to, are those that can do them no harm. You've got to be kidding!

I have several other concerns, but I believe that these are enough to render this agreement virtually useless.

Thank you, Jim Dossey